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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Task Force Leaders  
National Urban Search & Rescue Response System  
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**SUBJECT:** Advisory - New York and Washington Terrorist Attack

**Situation:** A suicide terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, resulted in the collapse of the north and south towers and other structures of the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York and fire and structural collapse to the Pentagon. Hundreds of fatalities and thousands of casualties and missing persons are reported.

FEMA US&R task forces continue to support the City of New York resources in several areas of the World Trade Center incident area. This includes #1 WTC, the Wintergardens building, 1 Liberty Plaza, and various other buildings in the vicinity of Liberty and West. Provisions have also been made for a rapid intervention team (RIT). The national FEMA US&R task forces operational on-site are: CA-TF1, CA-TF6, CA-TF7, IN-TF1, MA-TF1, MO-TF1, OH-TF1, PA-TF1, FL-TF2, and the White Incident Support Team. Spontaneous volunteers in and around the operational area continue to be an issue.

Victim recovery and removal continues at the Pentagon. While shoring of the compromised columns on the first floor progresses, operations are being undertaken in the main impact area, including the use of a recently deployed concrete pulverizer. VA-TF1, VA TF2, and MDWEC, are currently working, with MD-TF1 and TN-TF1 rehabbing for the night. The following FEMA US&R assets are currently operating on the Pentagon incident: MD-TF1, TN-TF1, VA-TF1, VA-TF2, and the Red Incident Support Team in support of the Arlington County Fire and Rescue incident command, NTSB, EPA, and DoD.

Three US&R Task Forces are currently Activated awaiting transport according to the rotation plan. These are FL-TF1, TX-TF1, and UT-TF1. In addition, 10 US&R Task Forces are currently Alerted in preparation for possible activation. These are AZ-TF1, CA-TF2, CA-TF3, CA-TF4, CA-TF5, CA-TF8, CO-TF1, NV-TF1, NE-TF1, NM-TF1, and WA-TF1.

**Required Action:** NONE. Task forces will be contacted individually concerning any change in status. This Advisory does not constitute a change in status for any US&R assets.

cc: FEMA Regional Operations Centers